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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: Moderate to Heavy snowfall over southern NM into west and southwest TX

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Key Points



Thursday

- **Moderate/heavy snowfall will shift southward today and be centered from southern NM into west and southwest TX. Lighter snow amounts expected over western OK into NW TX**
 - **Travel impacts from snow and blowing snow along I-25 and I-40 corridors anticipated, including the chance for closures.**
 - **Travel impacts expected along I-10 and I-20 across west and southwest TX**
- **Moderate to heavy rainfall expected over SE TX into S LA**
 - **Minor flooding of poorly drained areas can be expected.**

Friday

- **Snow will continue across portions of southwest TX early Friday; minor travel impacts expected.**
- **Rain/Snow mix early Friday from northern TX to eastern AR; No significant impacts expected.**

Saturday – Monday

- **No significant impacts expected.**

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 22, 2015 - Jan 26, 2015

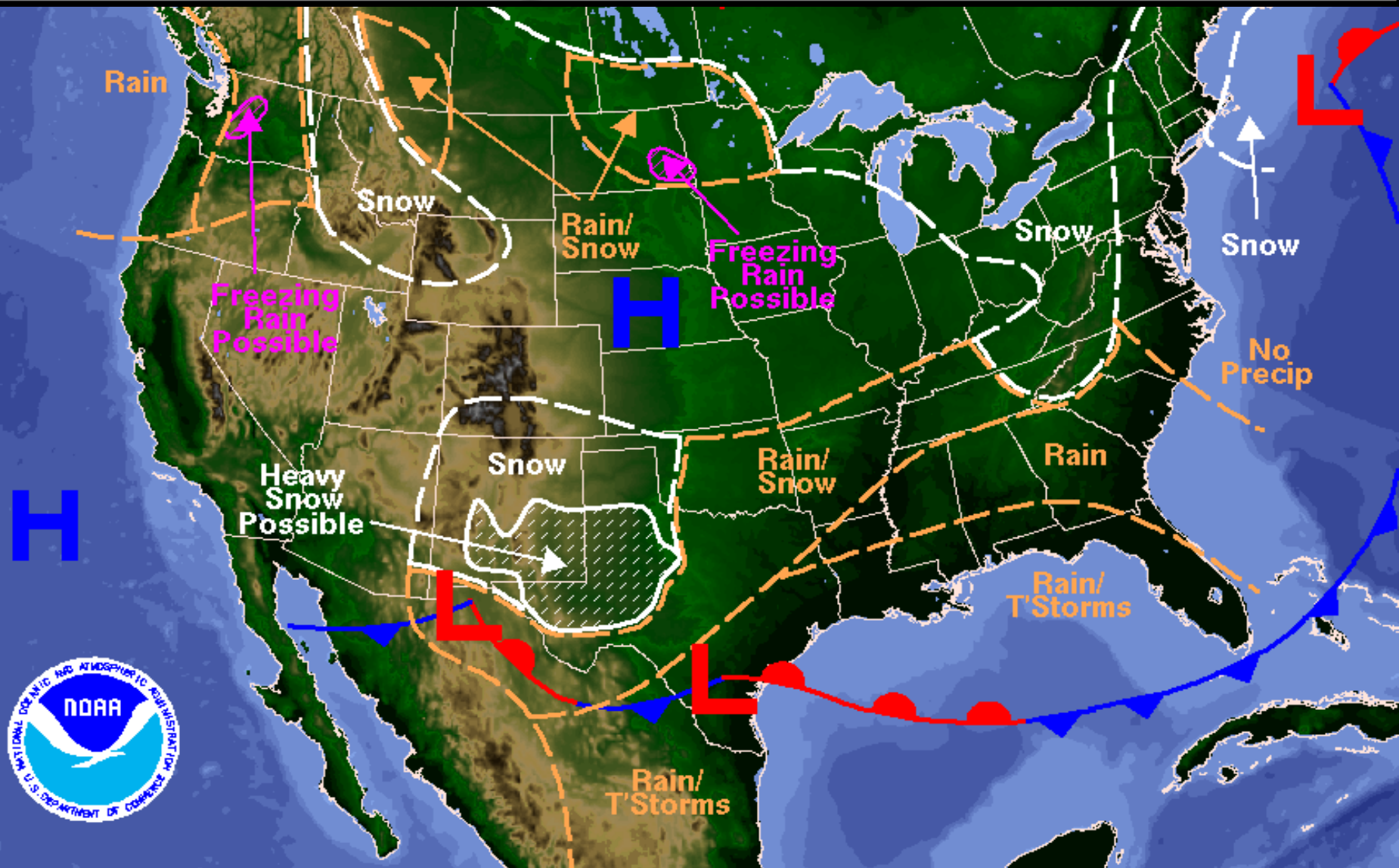
DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding	SE TX, S LA				
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	E NM-W OK-SW TX	SW TX A.M.			

 High Threat
 Moderate Threat
 Slight Threat
 No Discernible Threat

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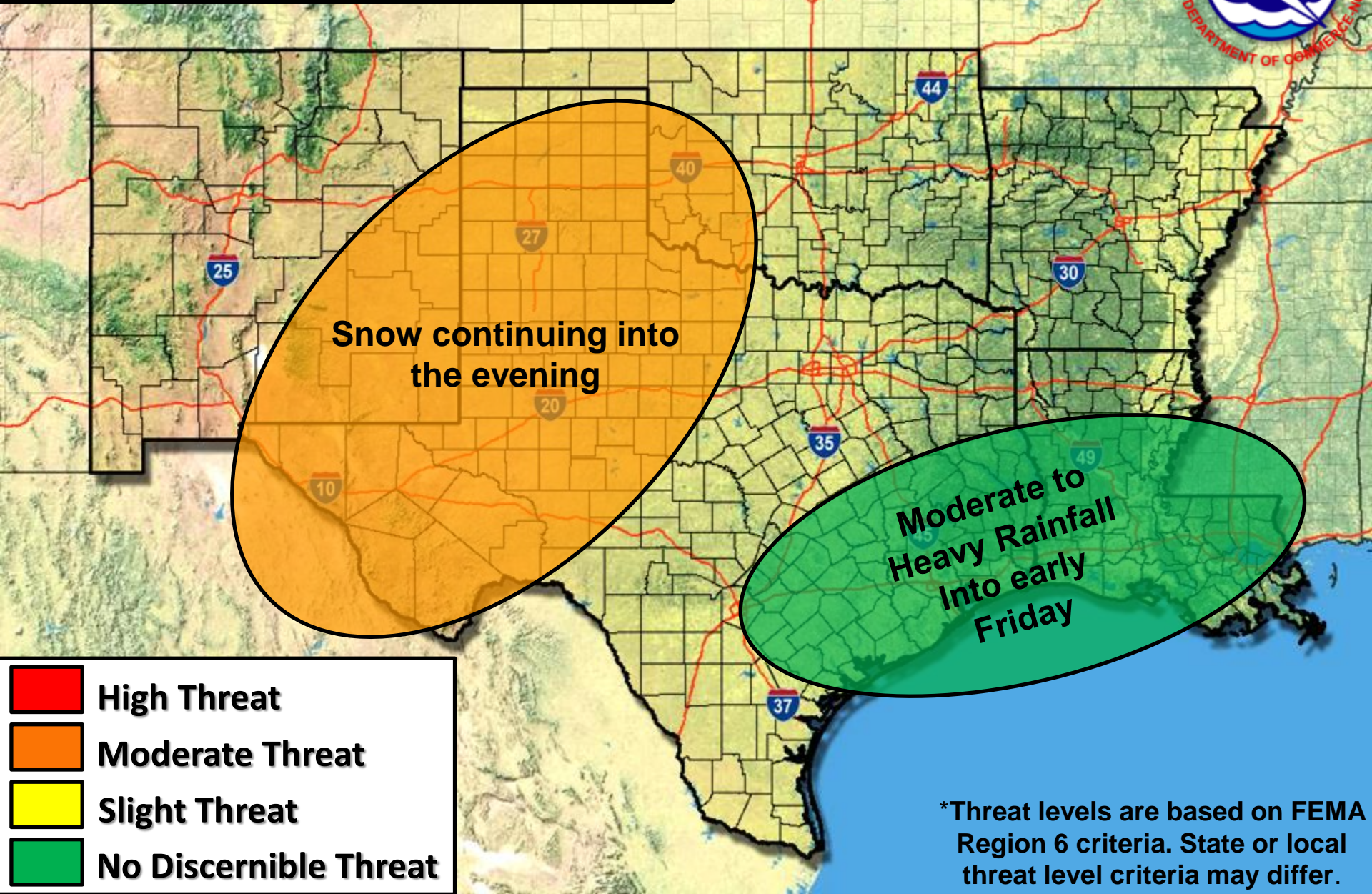
Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 22, 2015, issued 2:59 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Fri



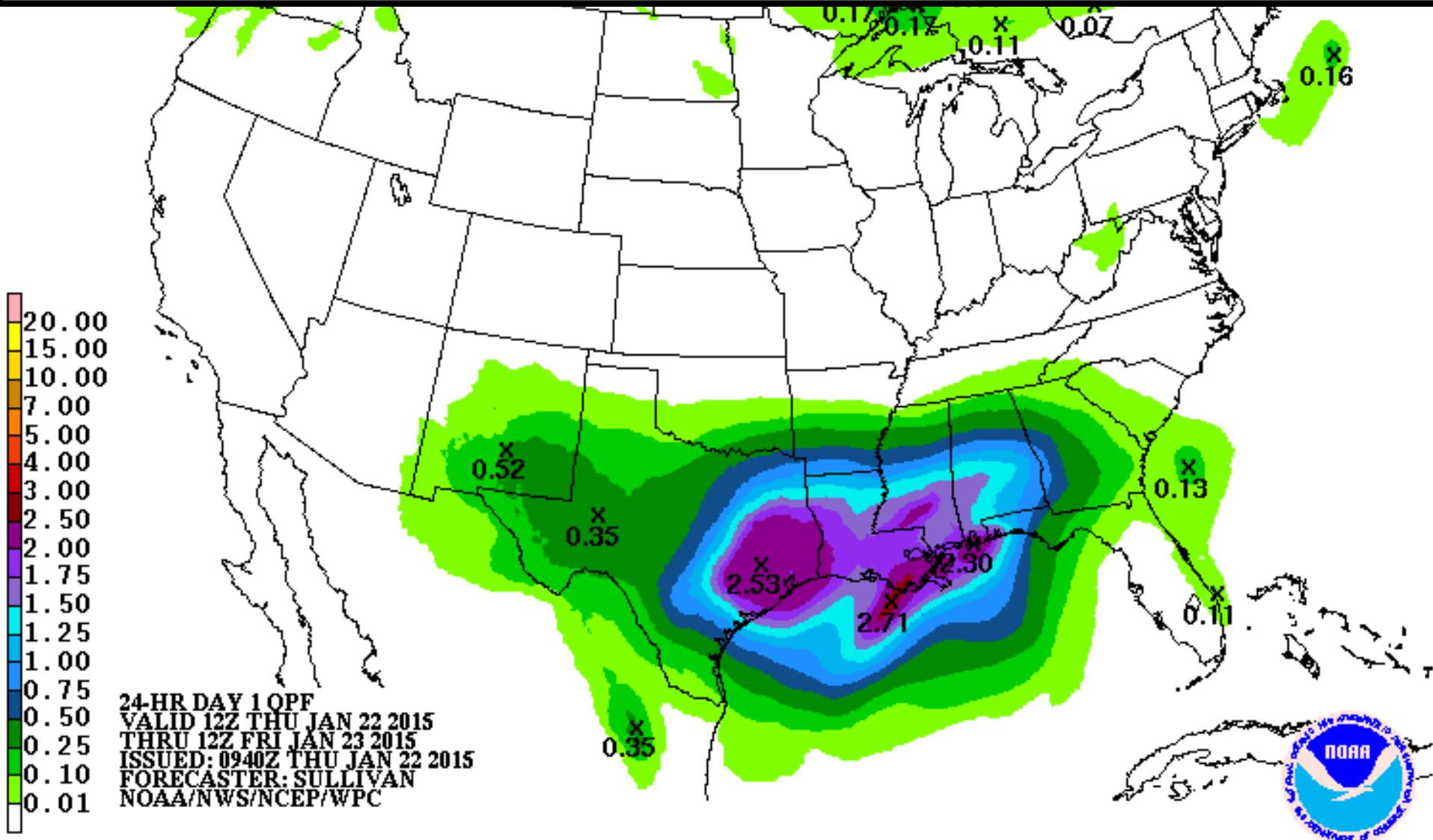
**Snow continuing into
the evening**

**Moderate to
Heavy Rainfall
Into early
Friday**

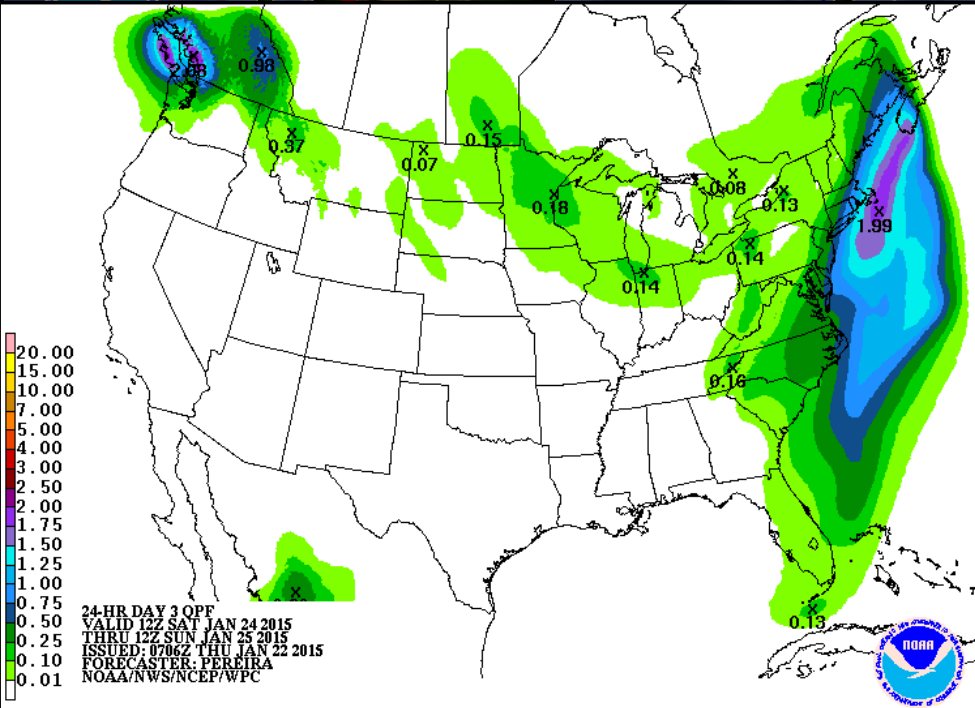
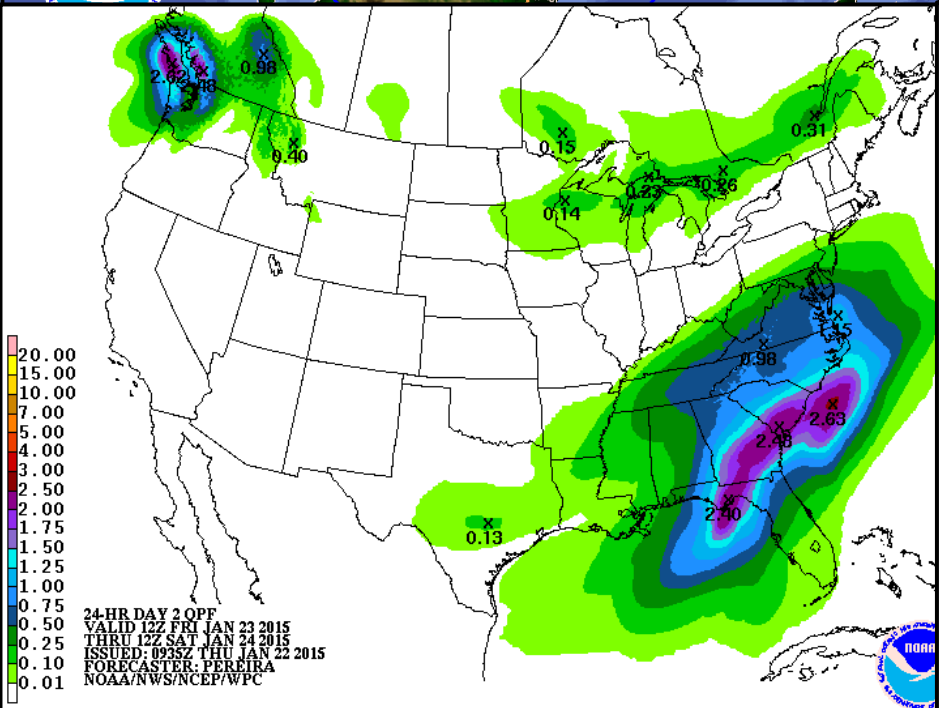
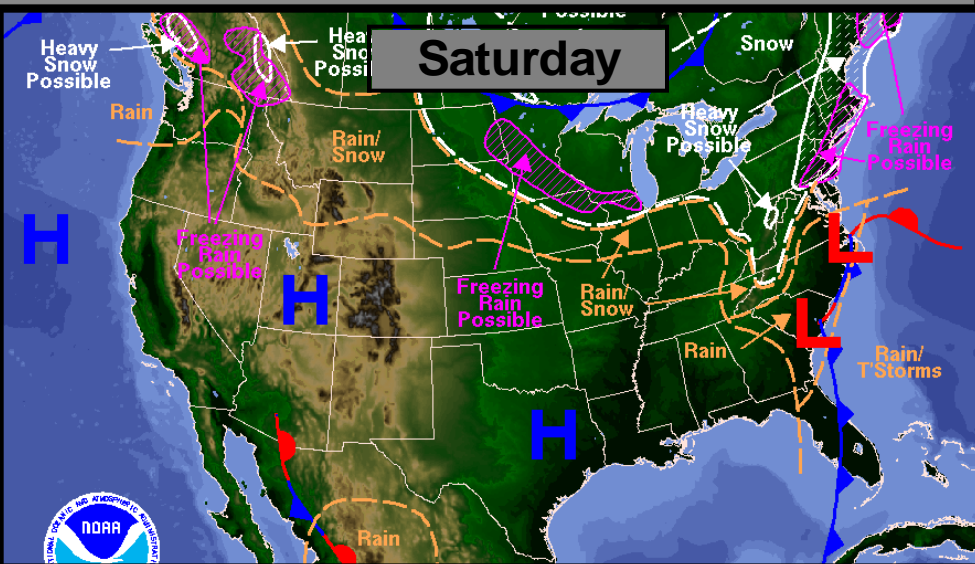
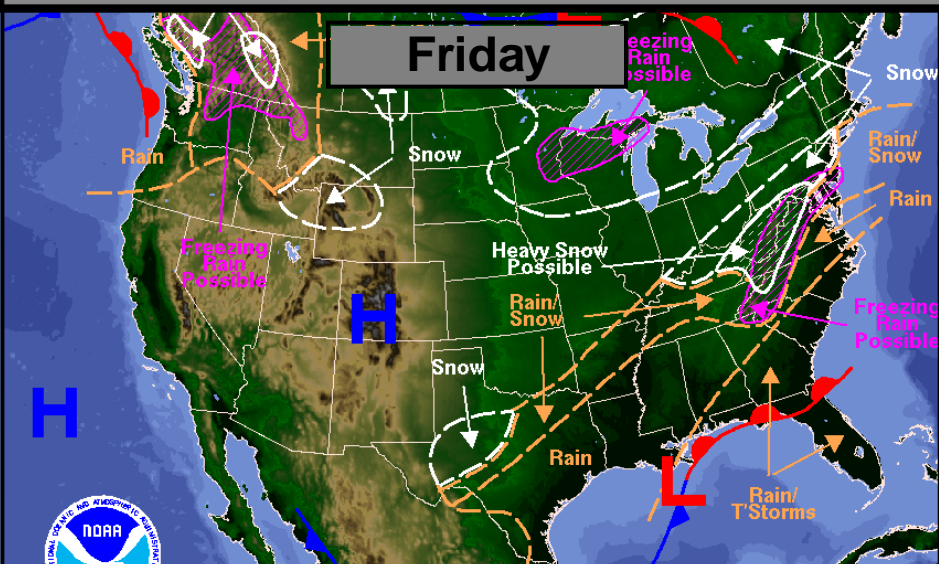
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Today's Precipitation

Thu AM - Fri AM

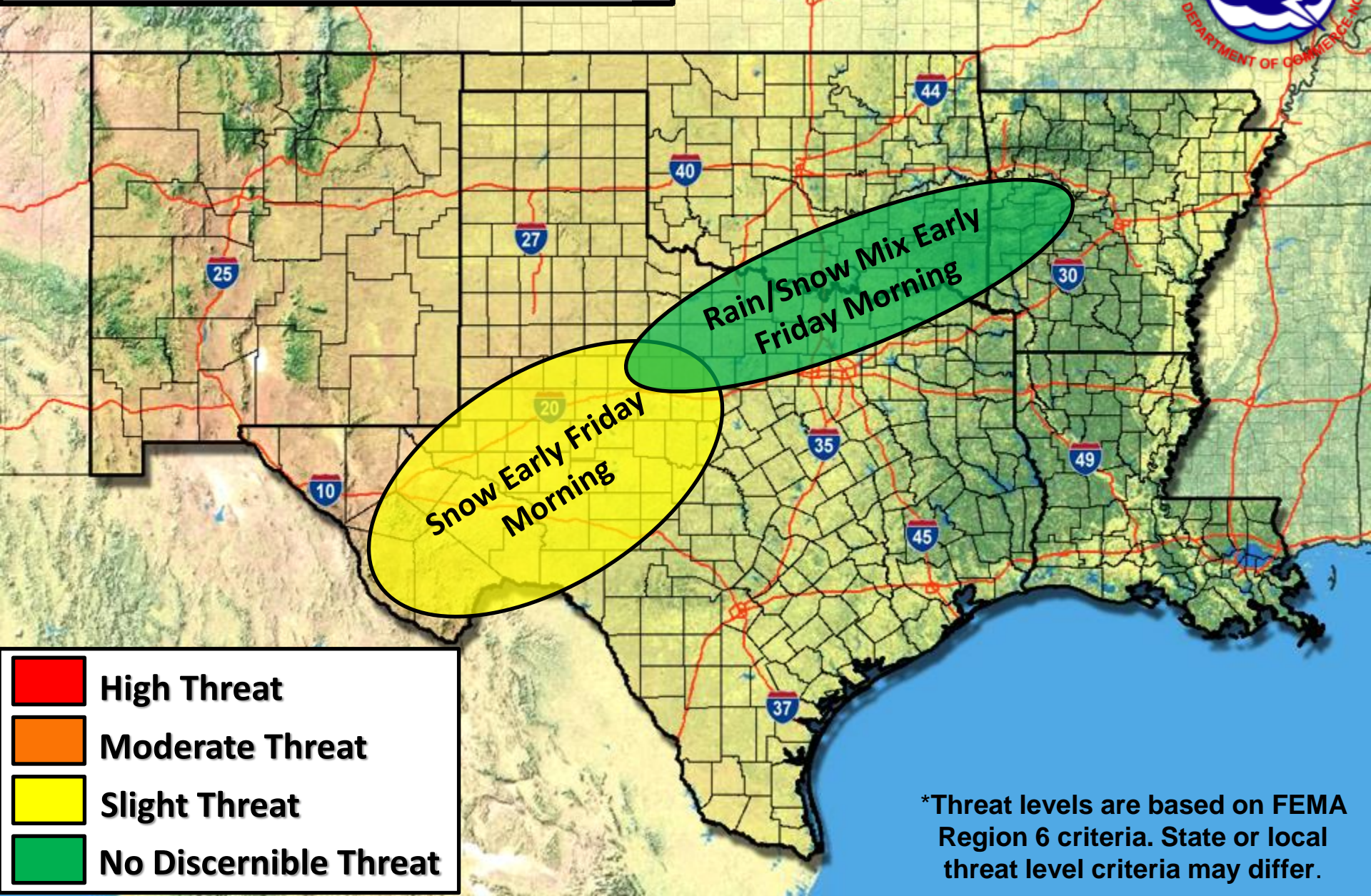


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



Rain/Snow Mix Early
Friday Morning

Snow Early Friday
Morning



High Threat



Moderate Threat



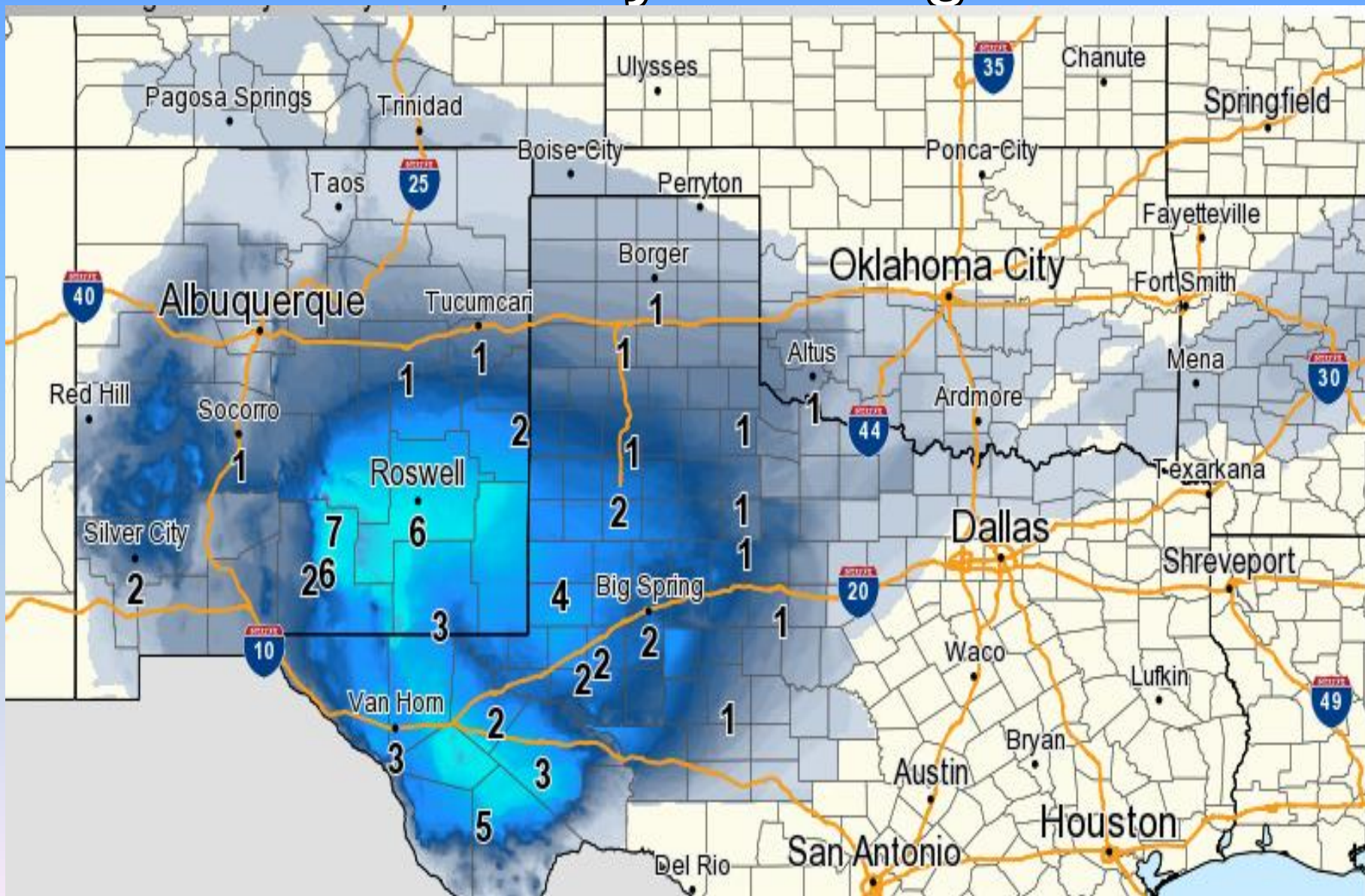
Slight Threat



No Discernible Threat

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Additional Snowfall Today Through Friday Morning



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



No Significant Weather
Impacts Expected

High Threat

Moderate Threat

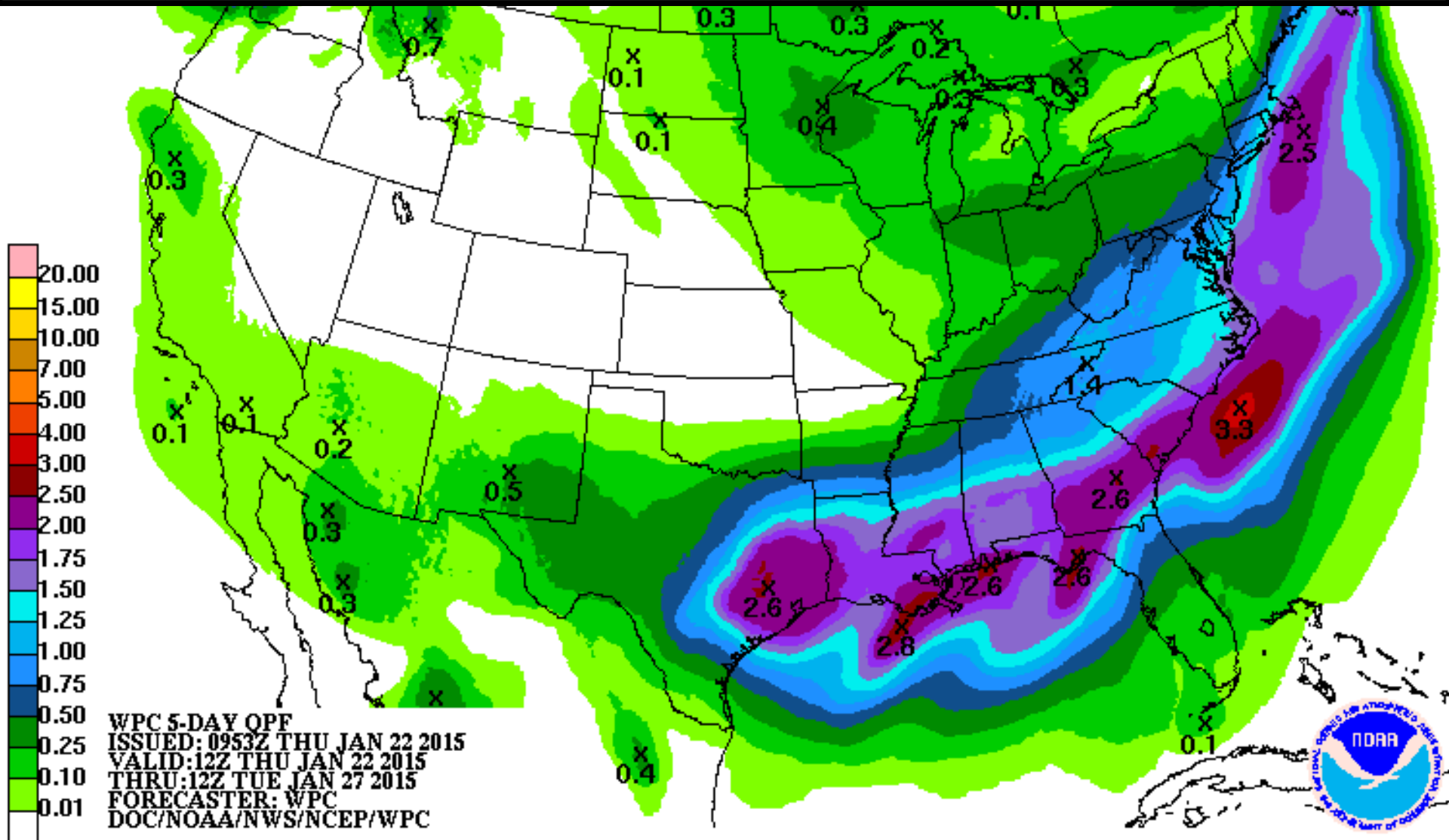
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5-Day Precipitation

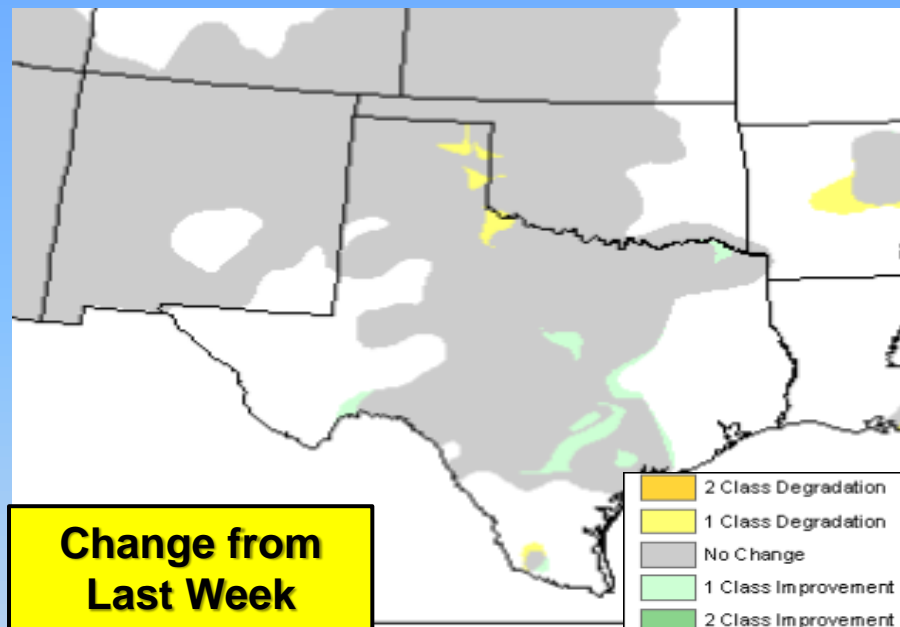
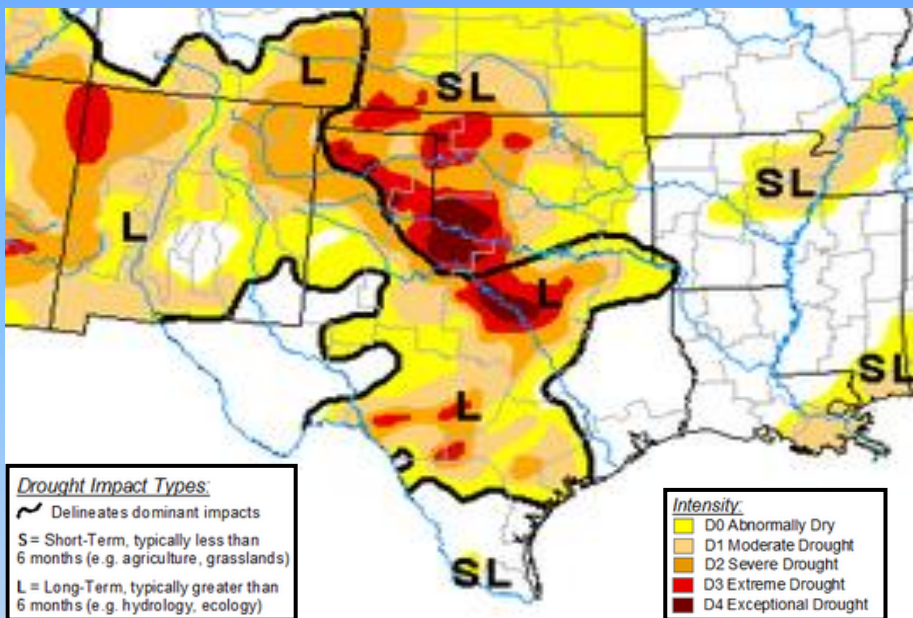
Thu AM - Tue AM





Drought Monitor Released January 22, 2015

Data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, January 20, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	22.58%	22.35%	20.87%	4.84%
Texas	11.03%	10.72%	10.97%	6.68%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	8.08%	3.97%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

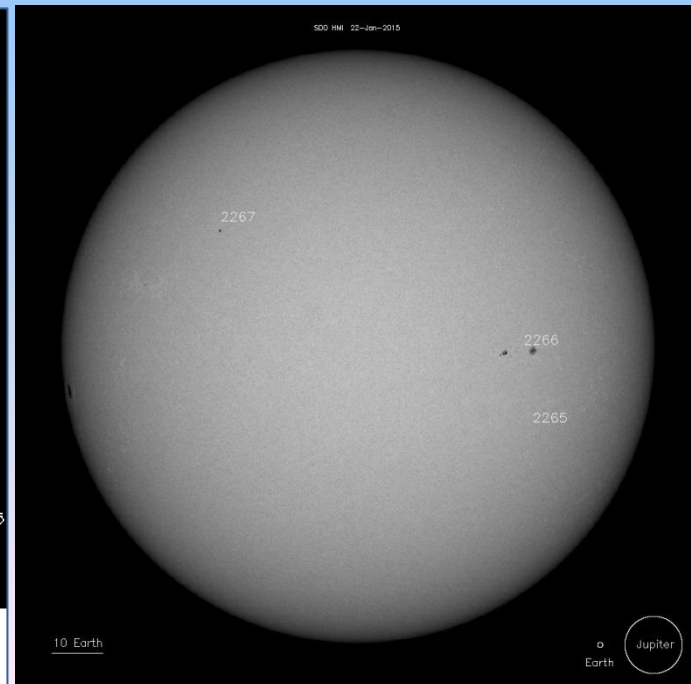
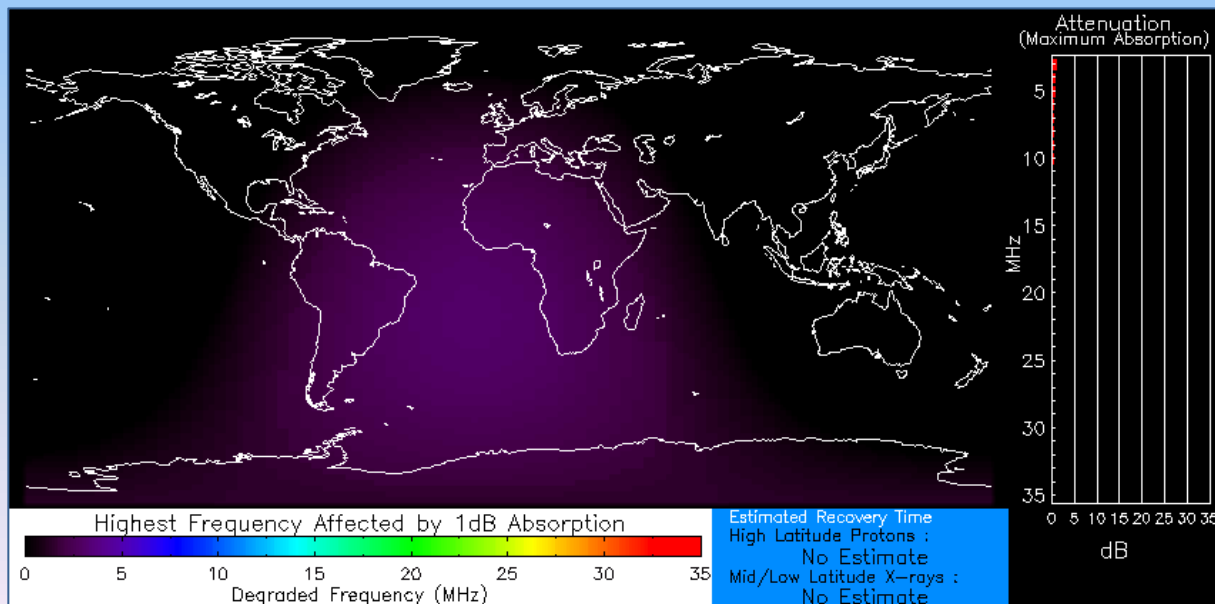
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	25%	25%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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